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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 068861

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, OVIP, CE ( MENDIS, PADDY)

SUBJECT: VISIT BY SRI LANKA AIRFORCE ( SLAF) COMMANDER

1. DOD HAS ADVISED DEPT. THAT COMMANDER OF SLAF PADDY MENDIS WILL BE LEADING TEAM COMING TO US IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASE BY SLAF OF CONVAIR 440. UNDERSTAND FACILITATIVE SERVICES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY DATT AND THAT MENDIS MAY SPEND MAY 5-7 IN WASHINGTON.

2. GIVEN GSL SENSITIVITIES RE MILITARY CONNECTIONS AND RECALLING DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED WITH CBC DIRECTOR MOONESINGHE, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY' S ADVICE RE MANNER IN WHICH VISIT SHOULD BE HANDLED. USAF AND OSD/ ISA HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH MENDIS. ROGERS

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